

By Senator Rivers

**PSSB 6219 (S-3824.1/18)** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long Term Care

1 On page 3, after line 36, insert the following:

2 "(7) The legislature recognizes that every individual possesses a  
3 fundamental right to exercise their religious beliefs and conscience.  
4 No individual health care provider, religiously sponsored health  
5 carrier, religious or sectarian employer, or health care facility may  
6 be required by law or contract in any circumstances to participate in  
7 the provision of or payment for a specific service if they object to  
8 so doing for reason of conscience or religion as set forth more fully  
9 in RCW 48.43.065."

10 On page 4, after line 28, insert the following:

11 "(6) The legislature recognizes that every individual possesses a  
12 fundamental right to exercise their religious beliefs and conscience.  
13 No individual health care provider, religiously sponsored health  
14 carrier, religious or sectarian employer, or health care facility may  
15 be required by law or contract in any circumstances to participate in  
16 the provision of or payment for a specific service if they object to  
17 so doing for reason of conscience or religion as set forth more fully  
18 in RCW 48.43.065."

EFFECT: Clarifies that individuals possess a right to exercise their religious beliefs, and that no health provider, religiously sponsored health carrier, facility, or religious or sectarian employer, may be required to pay for services they object to for reason of conscience or religion.

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